

**WILLIAMSBURG  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 25, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson. Mr. Spence and Mr. Walker were absent. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| <b>ARB #04-055</b>          | <b>Gillett/604 Jamestown Road – Addition to Single-Family Dwelling – Approved.</b>                                  |
| <b>ARB #04-061</b>          | <b>Jones/605 Richmond Road – Fence – Approved.</b>  |
| <b>ARB #04-057</b>          | <b>Williamsburg Shopping Center/1234 Richmond Road – Bus Shelter – Approved.</b>                                    |
| <b>ARB #04-058</b>          | <b>Suter’s Furniture/800 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (Add window &amp; Blind window) – Approved.</b>            |
| <b>ARB #04-060</b>          | <b>Williamsburg Chrysler Jeep Kia/3012 Richmond Road – Addition to Car Dealership – Approved.</b>                   |
| <b>ARB #04-063</b>          | <b>351 York Street, LLC/411 York Street – Exterior Change (New Color Scheme &amp; Covered Entrances – Approved.</b> |
| <b>ARB<br/>SIGN #04-027</b> | <b>Colonel Waller Suites/917 Capitol Landing Road – Monument Sign – Approved.</b>                                   |
| <b>ARB<br/>SIGN #04-028</b> | <b>The Williamsburg T-Shirt &amp; Gift Shop – Building Mounted Sign – Approved.</b>                                 |

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda with the exception of ARB Sign #04-056 being removed for further discussion.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

<b>Aye:</b>	Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson.
<b>Nay:</b>	None.
<b>Absent:</b>	Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker.
<b>Abstain:</b>	None.

## **ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT**

### **ARB #04-049      Bruton Parish Church Rectory/314 Prince George Street – Exterior Change (Replace Wood siding with Hardiplank siding)**

Karl Polifka presented the proposal for residing the Bruton Parish Church Rectory with Hardiplank siding. A discussion followed concerning the proximity of the building to the restored historic area, this building being located on the Cities Listing of Locally Significant Architecture and Hardiplank siding being thinner than the wood siding on the Church Rectory resulting in different appearance. It was the consensus that the existing siding should be repainted and not be replaced with Hardiplank siding.

Mr. Williams motioned to deny ARB #04-049 to replace the existing wood siding with Hardiplank for the following reasons:

1. The replacement material (Hardiplank) is not in accordance with the ***Design Review Guidelines*** which states "A synthetic siding that resembles authentic horizontal wood siding (i.e. Hardiplank) may be acceptable for new buildings or as replacement material for siding on existing buildings that are not constructed of wood or brick.
2. The proximity of this building to the Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area and the Timson House (303 Prince George Street) which is one of the original buildings from the colonial period.
3. The replacement of the existing wood siding with a synthetic siding is not in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

#### **Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

### **ARB #04-056      Tubbs/616 Jamestown Road – Accessory Building (Gazebo) & Planters**

Aaron Williams, Williams Landscaping and Design, presented plans for a gazebo and planter boxes noting the following:

- This plan is a cut back from the original plans displayed on the internet because it does not include a pond, deck, or walking trails.
- The planter boxes would be at the edge the driveway to protect visitors from driving into a ravine.

- The gazebo has an octagon shape and is 12 feet wide. It would be located on a relatively flat area at the top of the slope and have a brick path leading to it from the existing parking area.
- The under brush and storm debris from the hurricane would be removed however, the existing healthy trees would remain.
- The path to the gazebo would be lit by 4 path lights and down lights are proposed in the trees and shown on the drawings.
- The owner agreed to put the lights on a timer that would turn them off at 10 o'clock.

Residences of Burns Lane voiced the following concerns:

- The plan shown on the website indicates a deck, pond, water fall, trails and cliff diving in addition to the gazebo and planters proposed for this meeting.
- This type of design represents an amusement park to the neighborhood.
- If they wanted to live next to an amusement park they would have bought a home in Kingsmill.
- How bright are the down lights and path lights? Aaron Williams presented a brochure on the proposed lights fixtures and noted they were 12 volts.
- How close was the gazebo from the property line? Ms. Murphy stated the plans indicate the gazebo would be located 18' feet from the side property line and the Zoning Ordinance requires only three feet.
- Why is the city paying for a corrugated drainage pipe on the Cedar's property? Ms. Murphy stated that Steve Martin, City Engineer, inspected the drainage pipe and determined it was failing and carried drainage from Jamestown Road and was probably installed in the 1940's. Since the pipe carries water from a City street the City was responsible for its maintenance.

Jane Rackley, 627 Powell Street, presented the Board a list of 32 concerns of the project. Mr. Williams thanked her and noted the owner Mr. Tubbs was out-of-town and requested the application be tabled if any concerns were expressed at the meeting. He clarified that the Board is responsible only for the design of the gazebo, planter boxes and lights. He noted that other concerns would have to be addressed by other departments in the City and were not within the purview of the Architectural Review Board. The Board suggested the neighbors meet with Mr. Tubbs before the next meeting to express their concerns and requested staff to setup a meeting. Mrs. Rackley was nominated to be the contact person for Ms. Murphy to notify when the meeting could be arranged with Mr. Tubbs.

Mr. Williams motioned to table ARB #04-056 as requested by the owner.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker.  
Abstain: None.

**ARB #04-059 Florakis/601 College Terrace – Detached Garage/Studio**

Leon Smith and Demetrios Florakis presented plans for a detached garage/studio at 601 College Terrace. Mr. Williams noted staffs concern on the dormers and the applicant agreed the dormers should match those existing on the dwelling to include trim, shingle siding, and proportions.

Mr. Sandbeck motioned to approve ARB #04-059 conditioned upon the new dormers matching the dormers on the main house and being built in proportion with the building.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker.  
Abstain: None.

**CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**ARB #04-062 Dakota Bay Grill/1735 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (New Color Scheme)**

Donald Knepper, Matrix Enterprises, presented two color schemes for the Dakota Bay Grille. He stated Option #1 was the preferred option because the multi-colors would break up the building resulting in the illusion of old west architecture. The Board expressed a concern over using different colors to break up parts of a building. They noted applicants have used different materials for breaking up a building such as brick and wood. It was the consensus of the Board that Option #2 using the James Geddy Green for the walls, Palace Arms Red for the awning, door and lights, Courthouse White for the windows and columns and Blue Bell Tavern Gray Green for the trim was acceptable.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve option #2 for ARB #04-062.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pons, Mr. Watson.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker.  
Abstain: None.

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**Other**

Mr. Watson stated that the dumpsters in the parking lot behind the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Merchant Square have not been screen, and asked staff to address the concern.

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The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Jason Beck  
Zoning Officer